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HOLYHEAD URBAN DISTRICT.

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for 1925.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Area of Holyhead Urban District (including area covered by the sea) 650 acres.

CENSUS. 1911.	Population.	11,608.
	Number of inhabited houses.	2,409.
	Average number of persons per house.	4·82.
CENSUS. 1921.	Population.	11,179.
	Number of inhabited houses.	2,620.
	Average number of persons per house.	4·26.

Population middle of July 1925. Birth and Death rates are calculated on the estimated population in the middle of July of the same year. Registrar-General estimate for middle of July 1925 was 12470.

Deaths and death-rate. There were 155 deaths registered of persons belonging to the District during the year, 71 males and 84 females, this being equal to a rate of ~~12·4~~ 13·5 per 1000.

The rate is lower than that for the year 1924 which was 13·3 and practically the same as that for England and Wales for 1925 which was 12·2.

Births and Birth-rate. There were 203 births registered in the District during the year, 95 males and 108 females, five of the births were illegitimate (3 boys and 2 girls). The rate for the year is ~~18·2,~~ 18·1 for England and Wales for the same period 18·3 and for the District for the previous year the rate was 19·2.

The rate for England and Wales is a very low one and as will be seen the rate for this District is still lower.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age. There were 15 deaths of infants under one year of age registered in the District during the year, 7 boys and 8 girls this being equal to a rate of 73 per 1000 births. For England and Wales for the same period it was 75 per 1000 births and for the District for the previous year it was 105 per 1000 births.

The rate is therefore slightly lower than that for England and Wales for the same period and considerably lower than that for the District for the year 1924.

In the Report for 1924 the following appears " in spite of all that is being done the rate for the District is disappointing and unsatisfactory", but it must be admitted that the rate for 1925 is comparatively satisfactory and it is to be hoped that the improvement will be maintained and even improved. There is no question but that the Infant Clinics are responsible to a great extent for the lessened death-rate.

Causes of death.

Deaths from Various diseases.

Whooping Cough.	10.
Diphtheria.	3.
Phthisis.	11.
Other Tubercular diseases.	3.
Cancer.	15.

Infectious diseases. Mumps which is not a notifiable disease in this District was very prevalent during July and August.

Infectious diseases notified.

Scarlet Fever.	8.
Diphtheria.	31.
Erysipelas.	5.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	12.
Other Tubercular diseases.	6.

It is unfortunate that Diphtheria should occur every year in the District. 31 cases were notified, fortunately there has never been a widespread epidemic of this disease in the District. It is spread by the mild ambulatory cases which parents often mistake for mumps and the children often attend school right through the course of the disease.

Most of the cases of Tubercular disease were seen by the Tuberculosis Medical Officer and were treated at the Special Hospitals and Sanatoria.

The usual proceedures in dealing with cases notified have been carried out, premises visited and inspected and any sanitary defects discovered are remedied. Inquiries are made as to sourse of infection, milk supply, schools and chapels attended, and at the termination of the cases the premises are disinfected.

It is satisfactory to find that some use has been made of the Druid Isolation Hospital as some cases from the District have been admitted. The Hospital was provided by the County Council and is situate about 12 miles from Holyhead, a Hospital built within the Urban area would meet the needs of this District far better than the one distant 12 miles.

Inspection of houses in the District.

Swifts Square and Church Lane Which were mentioned in the report of 1924 and which required to be put into a proper state of repair are provided with W. C's have been much improved, a main drain having been provided.

Llanfain and Llaingoch Some of these houses have been visited and inspected, but they can never be much improved until proper drainage is provided.

Houses were also inspected in Edmund Street, College Lane, Harp Street and Waterside.

Forty-three new houses were completed during the year. They could hardly be called Working -Mens houses as the cost was such that the rents above the means of any ordinary working man.

A number of old houses will have to be condemned but this cannot be done before at least a hundred working men's dwellings are provided.

Inspection of Cowhouses, Slaughterhouses, Bakehouses, Market, and Workshops.

As will be seen in the Report of the Inspector of Nuisances these places have been visited and inspected and 74 notices and letters sent also many personal interviews. The notices mostly concerned nuisances, provision of proper water supply, converting privies to W.C's and general repairs to premises.

During the year the L.M.S.Railway slaughterhouse was frequently visited and a number of carceses of beef and mutton condemned, the carcases were afterwards burnt at the Destructor.

A Special complaint was made regarding a slaughterhouse in Cambria Street as to insufficient accommodation for animals awaiting slaughter, the place was visited by your Inspector and myself and other out-buildings were found suitable for the animals.

It is satisfactory to find that some one has been made of the Isolation Hospital as some cases from the district have been sheltered. The hospital was provided by the County Council and is situated about 12 miles from Rolyhead, a hospital built within the Urban area would meet the needs of this division far better than the distance 12 miles.

Inspection of houses in the district.

Houses in the Church Lane which were mentioned in the report of 1909 and which required to be put into a proper state of repair are now in a good state. A lot has been done improved, a main drain having been provided.

Other houses in Lightwood. Some of these houses have been visited and inspected, but they can never be much improved unless proper drainage is provided.

Houses have also been inspected in Alfred Street, College Lane, Lump Lane and Waterside.

Nuisances. Few nuisances were complained during the year. They consist mostly of noisy working clubs known as the most one such that has caused some the reason of any ordinary working man.

A number of nuisances will have to be abolished but this cannot be done before at least a modern sanitary system and facilities are provided.

Inspection of bakehouses, dairies, cowsheds, slaughterhouses and factories.

As will be seen in the Report of the Inspector of Bakehouses these places have been visited and inspected and the bakehouses and dairies show many personal improvements. The cowsheds mostly neglected premises. Production of proper milk supply, conveying private to public and general hygiene to premises.

During the year the Inspector of Slaughterhouses was frequently visited and a number of carcasses of meat and meat condemned, the carcasses were differences points as the Inspectors.

A special meeting was held regarding a slaughterhouse in Darvis Street as to structural improvements for animals awaiting slaughter, the place was visited by your Inspector and myself and found unsuitable for the Council.

Provision of Public Slaughterhouse. In July a Special Meeting was held to consider a letter received from Doctor Wade regarding the provision of a public slaughterhouse, after discussion it was decided not at present to proceed with the matter.

Analysis of foodstuffs. As you will see in the Inspectors report 27 samples of food stuffs were taken for analysis but in no instance was anything found calling for prosecution.

The Water Supply. Complaints were received from residents of the Kingsland District regarding the inadequate supply of water. With your Inspector the District was visited and it was found that the supply in most of the taps was unsatisfactory. It was suggested as a remedy that the Waterworks Company should join the Kingsland main to the Trearddur Bay main, this in the meantime I am informed has been done and no complaints have since been received.

The question of the quality of the water was also considered and a copy of a report of the analysis of a sample sent by the Waterworks Company was considered by your Committee.

Messrs J.G.Thresh and J.F.Beale very Eminent Authorities on water and water-supplies in their report stated as follows :-

"This is a faintly peaty water of very good quality,pure and wholesome and well adapted for all purposes of a public supply"

The Committee accepted the report as satisfactory and no recommendation was made to send any further samples for analyses.

Public Health Officers of Holyhead Urban District. One part time Medical Officer of Health also one Inspector of Nuisances who is also Surveyor for the Holyhead District Council half salary of both Officers paid by the Ministry of Health (Exchequer Grant)

Re Appointment of Assistant Inspector of Nuisances with special knowledge of meat Inspector. In July a Special Meeting was held to consider the appointment of Assistant Inspector as recommended in a letter from Doctor Wade. This arose out of the question of the desirability of regular inspection of meat and foodstuffs which landed from Ireland in transit. The present Inspector with his duties as Surveyor expressed his inability to carry out these duties as the Steamers arrive both by day and night.

After discussion it was decided not to make the appointment.

<u>Ration of Public Slaughterhouse.</u> In July a special meeting was held to consider a letter received from Doctor Wylie recording the provision of a public slaughterhouse. After discussion it was resolved not at present to proceed with the matter.

<u>Analysis of Foodstuffs.</u> As you will see in the Inspectors report 27 samples of food stuffs were taken for analysis but as no samples were surplus, found nothing for prosecution.

<u>The Water Supply.</u> Complaints were received from residents of the Kilbrannel District regarding the inadequate supply of water. Also your Inspector the District was visited and it was found that the supply in most of the taps was unsatisfactory. It was suggested as a remedy that the Waterworks Committee should join the Kilgravin main at the Tramway Bridge, this in the case I am informed has been done and no complaints have since been received.

The question of the <u>quality</u> of the water was also considered and a copy of a report of the analysis of a sample sent by the Waterworks Company was considered by your committee.

Dublin D.C.Thrash and J.F.Jenks very Sworn Authorities on water and water-supplies in their report stated as follows :-

"This is a fairly pooty water of very good quality, pure and wholesome and well adapted for all purposes of a public supply."

The Committee accepted the report as satisfactory and no recommendation was made to have any further analysis for analysis.

<u>Public Health Officers of Kilkenny Urban District.</u> The part time medical officer of Health also the Inspector of Nuisances who is also Surveyor for the Kilkenny District Council half salary of both officers paid by the Ministry of Health (Secretary Grant)

<u>An Assistant or Assistant Inspector of Nuisances with medical qualifications or Sanitary Inspector.</u> At a special meeting the Council to consider the appointment of Sanitary Inspector as recommended in a letter from Doctor Wylie. This arose out of the question of the desirability of regular inspection of meat and foodstuffs which leader from Ireland in stock. The present Inspector who also holds an Surveyor commission has inability to carry out these duties as the standard arrive both by day and night.

After discussion it was resolved not to carry the appointment

Port Sanitary Work. There is no regular inspection of ships carried out. The only ships that come alongside a quay are the L.M.& S.Railway Steamers and for a few weeks in May and June some steamers which land Jersey potatoes. For your personal observations the sanitation of these vessels is attended to as they are kept clean and sanitary. The other steamers and sailing ships come to the Harbour for shelter in stress of weather and to have them regularly inspected it will be necessary to have a special officer to do so.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR.

A report of the work carried out by Inspectors Department during the year ending 31st December 1925.

Sewerage and Drainage.

	Yards Lin'l. 4"	6"	9"	12"	Junctions	IH's	LH's	Street Gullies
Yr Erw Drainage	23	47			7	3		
Llaingoch		8						
Roland Street.			51		24	1		1
Mill Bank Terrace.		134			11	8		1
High Terrace & York Terrace.		45	66		23	4	1	
Harp Street.		117	29		45	11		2
Market Hill.			132		12	6		4
Thomas Street.		90			20	5		2
Station Street.		154	84		56	11		2
Cambria Street & Trearddur Square.		48			13	3		2
Cambria Street & Queen Street.			52		30	4		
Baptist Street		36			7	3		2
Boston Street, Swift Square & College Lane.		81	43	74	33	12		6
Bryngoleu.			28			1		

All the existing connections to the old sewers were reconnected to the new sewers whilst the work was being carried out. Twenty one (21) privies were converted into W.C's and Two hundred and eighty nine (289) choked drains and sewers attended to.

House Scavenging. There were Four hundred and forty nine (449) ashpits emptied and Four thousand and eighty two (4082) loads of refuse delivered at the Destructor and Three hundred and eighty nine (389) loads of refuse delivered at the tips.

Analysis. The following samples were taken for Analysis :- Fish Paste 2, Fresh Milk 16, Lemon Cheese 1, Coffee Essence 1, Fresh Butter 2, Tinned Fruit 2, Lemon Squash 2, Sausages 1.

Disinfecting. Thirty six (36) houses were disinfected after cases of Infectious diseases.

Cowhouses, Slaughterhouses, Bakehouses, Markets and Workshops.

Inspections were made of the above, Seventy four (74) Notices and Letters were sent to abate nuisances, provide water supply, convert privies into W.C's and carry out repairs, in addition to personal interviews regarding complaints.

Forty three (43) New houses were completed during the year within the Urban Area, the drains of which were connected to the sewers direct, Drain of one Bungalow discharging into a Cesspool was relaid and connected to sewer.

Inspections of houses were made in Swift Square, Church ~~Terrace~~ Lane, College Lane, Waterside, Llaingoch and Harp Street.

SUPPLEMENT to 1925 Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health for Holyhead Urban District.

1. Legislation in force (Local Acts, adopted Acts & Bye Laws etc)

Nil. Copies of Byelaws enclosed.

2. Milk Supply.

On the whole satisfactory. Sixteen samples were analysed during the year and found satisfactory.

3. Statement on Conditions in the Schools.

Since the establishment of School Clinics there has been much improvement in the health and cleanliness of the elementary School children. The Schools are also better cared for under the supervision of the County Medical Officer of Health who is also the Medical Officer for the Schools.

4. Amount expended in Poor-Law relief during 1925.

The sum of £2740 = 8 = 11 was spent in poor-law relief during 1925 in the Holyhead Urban Area.

5. Vaccination.

There has been no cases of primary or secondary vaccination performed by the Medical Officer of Health during 1925.

6. Nursing Arrangements in the District.

No arrangements are made by the Urban District Council, but there are two district nurses and two certified midwives provided by the District Nursing Committee and by the Committee of the L.M.S. Railway Nursing Committee.

7. Hospital Accommodation.

None supplied by the Urban District Council, but there is an Isolation Hospital at Gwalchmai (10 miles distant from Holyhead) provided by the Anglesey County Council. There is a small Hospital at Holyhead "The Stanley Sailors Hospital" about 8 beds mostly used for sick and injured sailors from vessels in the harbour.

8. A Statement of all causes of death.

Attached is a statement of number and causes of death during 1925.

9. Arrangements for examination of Pathological Specimens &c.

Arrangements have been made by the County Council for practitioners to have these examinations made through the Medical Officer of

Health for the County, and also to supply them with the necessary vaccines and antitoxines &c.

10. Slaughterhouses

	In 1930.	In January 1935	December 1935.
Registered.	5	4	4
Licensed.	4	4	4
Total.	9	8	8

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

Causes of Death.	Males	Females
Whooping Cough.	4	6
Diphtheria.	1	2
Influenza.	4	1
Encephalitis Lethargica.		1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System.	2	9
Other Tuberculosis diseases.	2	1
Cancer (Malignant disease)	3	12
Diabetes.	1	
Cerebral Hoemorrhage.	2	8
Heart disease.	10	8
Anterio Sclarosis.	6	2
Bronchitis.	3	4
Pneumonia.	3	4
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	1	1
Diarrhoea under 2 years.	1	
Appendicitis & typhlitis.	1	
Acute & Chronic Hephtritis.	3	3
Accidents & diseases of pregnancy.		1
Congenital debility.	3	3
Deaths from violence.	2	1
Other defined diseases	16	14
Cancer ill-defined.	3	3

(Name of Local Authority) Holyhead Urban District Council.

HOUSING CONDITIONS - year ended 31st. December 1925.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres) 650 acres.

Population (Census 1921, and estimated 1925) 11,179, 12,470

Number of inhabited houses (1921) 2620.

Number of families or seperate occupiers (1921) not ascertained

Rateable value. £29218.

Sum represented by a penny rate £92 = 0 - 0

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year :-

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b) 38

(b) With State assistance under the housing Acts;

(1.) By the Local Authority.....Nil.....

(2.) By other bodies or persons ...20.....

1. Unfit dwellinghouses.

Inspection - (1) Total Number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) = 90.

2. Number of dwellinghouses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910, or the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. = Nil.

3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. = Nil.

4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. = 59.

2. Remedy of defects without Service of formal Notices.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or by their Officers. = Nil.

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A. - Proceedings under section 3 of the Housing Act 1925.

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. = Nil.

2. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice. = Nil.

(a) by owners ...Nil.....

(b) by Local Authority indefault of owners. .....

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3. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close. = Nil.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. = 17 letters. = 87 notices.

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :-

(a) by owners ..... = 36

(b) by local authority in default of owners .....

C.- Proceedings under sections 11, 14, and 15 of the Housing Act 1925.

(1) Number of representations made with a view to the making of Closing Orders ..... Nil.

(2) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which closing orders were made ..... Nil.

(3) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the dwellinghouses having been rendered fit ..... Nil.

(4) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... Nil.

(5) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... Nil.

Signed .....

(Clerk to the Local Authority or Medical Officer of Health)

Date .....